

# Primary Campaigns Reach Feverish Pitch

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# \$12.6 Million Budget Given to Councilmen

## No Tax Boosts Sought

Members of the Torrance City Council last night received a proposed city budget of \$12,675,258 for the fiscal year 1966-67 from City Manager Edward J. Ferraro.

The budget is 12 per cent higher than the current budget, but the increase of \$1,403,777 can be financed without resorting to a boost in the current general property tax, Ferraro said.

The tax rate of \$1.238 per \$100 of assessed valuation could be maintained by the city and the growth in services provided under Ferraro's proposal.

HE DID ask, however, that bus fares be increased 5 cents to reduce the city's subsidy for that operation, and that a cigarette tax hike of two to four cents be considered.

A later decision on the proposals for a civic auditorium and for an independent library system could alter the planning, Ferraro warned.

Principal additions to the city would come in the fire department where 15 men would be added to man the new aerial ladder truck which is now being purchased.

Other new positions would total only 23½, Ferraro reported.

Average salary hikes of 7 per cent accounted for \$500,000 of the budget addition, the city manager reported. Other increases include building repair, new fire engine, additions to the new police building, and a new fire communications system. Provisions also have been made for a special census. Cost of the census, however, is normally returned severalfold in increased state subventions.



FOR NEW STREET . . . A county check for \$100,000 to assist the city in a project to bring Del Amo Boulevard up to county major highway master plan standards is turned over to city officials after approval of the program. From left are City Engineer Walter Nollac, County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, and City Manager Edward J. Ferraro. Construction is expected to begin in the next few days on the length of the thoroughfare between Hawthorne Boulevard and Anza.

## Senate Contest Hottest

The scramble for the new legislative posts created by reapportionment of the state's legislature earlier this year is reaching a fever pitch in this area with candidates for three Assembly seats and two Senate seats campaigning for party nominations.

Most feverish of the campaigns is taking place in the 32nd Senate District which includes much of the 67th and 68th Assembly Districts.

Twelve Democrats and four Republicans are seeking nomination in the new 32nd.

ACROSS TOWN, another dozen candidates are seeking nominations in the new 25th District which includes the 46th and 60th Assembly Districts. The race here is evenly divided with six candidates representing each party.

Congressman Cecil R. King has drawn Democrat opposition in the 17th Congressional District from Lomita William O'Leary, a member of the County Central Committee. Dr. Don Cortum is the lone Republican candidate for the seat.

RACES ALSO have developed in the 67th Assembly District where incumbent Clayton Dills is retiring. Three Torrance candidates, Gordon Phillips, John Mulvihill, and Lawrence Townsend are running in a field of eight candidates for the Democratic nomination. Tom Tomlinson is the lone Republican.

Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel is being opposed for

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## Booklet Traces City from Earliest Days to Present

"Torrance—Portrait of a City," a new publication, made its public debut at last night's City Council meeting. Councilmen and city officials were presented with complimentary copies by Mrs. Wil-

liam Radcliffe, president of the Torrance League of Women Voters, whose members have researched, written, designed, and published the booklet.

The publication traces the city's history from the idea of a man, city founder Jared Sydney Torrance, through to the present, and outlines prospects for the future.

CITY government, recreational facilities, library system, and educational facilities are among topics that are detailed in the 43-page booklet. It also includes a map of the city, showing locations of schools, parks, libraries and other public facilities.

"Portrait of a City" will go on sale today for 50 cents a copy at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1510 Cravens, Ryan's Book Villa, 2547 Pacific Coast Hwy., and Catalina Music, 1907 South Catalina. The publication will be on display and order forms available at Torrance City Hall, all Torrance public libraries, and in the book department of Broadway Del Amo.

## New Chamber Officers Due

Members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week are voting to elect five new directors to the chamber's board of directors, it was announced today by President Bruce Jones.

All ballots must be returned to the chamber offices by June 6 for tallying.

IN HER council presentation, Mrs. Radcliffe pointed out that it was the aim of the league in publishing "Portrait of a City" to make residents more aware of their community, its heritage and what it has to offer.

Recognition was given to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Berwanger who did the art and layout for the publication.

## School Bonds Endorsed

The Press-Herald today reaffirms its endorsement of Proposition FF on next Tuesday's primary ballot. The proposal would authorize \$9 millions in bonds to finance construction of badly needed school facilities for the Torrance Unified School District. The Press-Herald support of this proposal and of another ballot measure, the proposed Watts hospital, are published today on the opinion page, Page 2, Section C.

## Top Citizen Sought

Nominations for the Distinguished Citizen of the Year award are now being accepted by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, President Bruce Jones reported this morning. The program honors the memory of Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald for many years, and Dr. William I. Laughon, early Torrance physician and civic leader. The person selected to receive the perpetual Laughon-Whyte trophy must be one "whose achievements have been significant to the community and to the general welfare of the people of Torrance," Jones said. Nomination blanks are available at the Chamber of Commerce Office.

## Customs Man Dies on Job

U.S. Customs Inspector Maurice D. Lloyd, 52, of 25217 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, collapsed at his post at Pier 207 in Long Beach Harbor Tuesday and was dead on arrival at St. Mary's Hospital. He leaves his wife, Rita; a son, Lawrence; and two daughters, Diana Lloyd of the home and Mrs. Jeanne Stanford, Seattle. Requiem Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at St. Margaret Mary Church, Lomita.



HOLIDAY OBSERVED . . . Students at Walteria Elementary School lower flag during an outdoor assembly held in observance of Memorial Day. The program featured the seventh-grade students of Miss Marilyn Buck, and included a discussion of the holiday and a choral recitation of "Flanders Field." (Press-Herald Photo)

## Insurance Tax Bill On Ballot

Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel announced today that his Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1 will be on the ballot for the people to accept or reject at the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1966.

Chapel stated that this amendment will bring an estimated million dollars annually into the state treasury without imposing new taxes or increasing tax rates.

Since 1942 the Constitution has authorized insurance companies doing business in California to deduct their real estate taxes paid on their principal offices in California from their state tax bill.

Chapel said the original idea behind this was to induce companies to build offices in California and stimulate the economy in exchange for a chance to gain an offset against California's unusually high premium tax.

OVER THE years this has worked out to the state's advantage. A few companies, however, mostly from out-of-state, have built towering skyscrapers and used only a small percentage of the space for the insurance business, leasing the balance to tenants in direct competition with commercial building operators.

The Chapel measure seeks to solve this problem in a workable manner without unduly increasing the burden of the already heavily taxed insurance industry. This is done in the following manner:

THE DEDUCTION is continued for all insurance companies, but is subjected to some new conditions for out-of-state companies and California companies licensed to transact insurance after 1966, according to Chapel. For these companies the new ground rules would base their deduction on an occupancy formula. Under these rules a company's deduction of its local real property taxes would depend on the percentage of the building occupied by it and its insurance affiliates.



THE FALLEN SALUTED . . . Trumpeter Carl Zaska sounds "Taps" as students at Walteria Elementary School observe the traditional rituals of the Memorial Day salute to the nation's war dead. The lowering of the flag and a moment of silence closed the observance. (Press-Herald Photo)

## More Traffic Officers in County Urged by Official

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn today asked Governor Brown and California Highway Patrol Commissioner Bradford Crittenden to allocate at least 370 new officers to Los Angeles County to strengthen law enforcement and to reduce traffic deaths on our streets, highways, and freeways.

Hahn pointed out this would be the "fair and just share" for Los Angeles County of the 1,008 additional California Highway Patrol officers provided for in the 1966-67 State budget.

"HOWEVER, the Califor-

nia Highway Patrol estimates only 197 additional officers will be assigned to the Los Angeles County area," Hahn said.

Since Los Angeles County has 37 per cent of the population, 37 per cent of the registered automobiles, and pays 37 per cent of the taxes, Los Angeles County taxpayers and motorists should have 37 per cent of the additional personnel for this area—at least 370 new officers, Hahn stressed.

"It is a tremendous force in supporting local law enforcement agencies by providing needed assistance."



YOUNG PIANIST . . . Eleven-year-old Jeffery Yeen-ien Tsao, son of Professor and Mrs. Ching H. Tsao of Palos Verdes Peninsula, was selected to represent the South Bay branch of the California Music Teachers Association at the Junior Bach Festival, a yearly event dating back to the thirties. Jeffery, a 3½-year student under the direction of Adelgatha Morrison, will compete at the First Congregational Church on 6th St. in Los Angeles, the perennial home of the event.